

To: John Lee[john.s.lee@lacity.org]
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tue 6/27/2017 4:10:54 PM
Subject: Re: Business Tax

Hi John,
Hope all is well.

When is a good time to discuss your mom's refinance?

Thank you,

On Tue, May 30, 2017 at 12:13 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi John,
Rates are down a bit since you inquired about refinancing your mom's house.

Now may be a good time to get started and lock in a rate.

Let me know if I can help with anything.

Thank you,

On Mon, May 8, 2017 at 11:31 AM, John Lee <john.s.lee@lacity.org> wrote:

[REDACTED]
I'm glad everything worked out. I would love to take you up on your offer to discuss a property that my mother owns. She is looking to refinance. What would be the next steps?



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On Mon, May 8, 2017 at 8:55 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Good Morning John,
Thank you very much for intervening on my behalf to address my business tax issue.

Mr. Robert Lee from the Office of Finance resolved this matter to my utmost satisfaction.

This was the first time I have ever reached out to an elected officials' office and am very pleased with the positive outcome.

If I can ever be of assistance to you or your friends, relatives, or colleges with any real estate or mortgage loan transaction please contact me.

Thank you again and have a great day.

On Mon, May 1, 2017 at 3:55 PM, John Lee <john.s.lee@lacity.org> wrote:

Let them get back to me first. They will look at your past tax returns and make a decision. They will hopefully contact me by tomorrow.



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On Mon, May 1, 2017 at 3:31 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Thank you. Is there someone there with authority to make this decision that I can speak with?
Otherwise I will probably have to "eat" it since I don't want to deal with whatever action they pursue next.

On Mon, May 1, 2017 at 2:49 PM, John Lee <john.s.lee@lacity.org> wrote:

I made a request to the office of finance to review. Please let me know if you hear from them. If you don't by the morning of the deadline, please feel free to send me another email.



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On Mon, May 1, 2017 at 10:41 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:

When I went online to complete it charged me the full tax.
The penalty and interest were not that substantial.

If you pay on time no tax is due.

Otherwise you pay full amount - total was over \$400.

Thank you,

On Mon, May 1, 2017 at 10:23 AM, John Lee <john.s.lee@lacity.org> wrote:

I don't see where it states what your penalty is. You stated it was a substantial amount. Can you please let me know what they are asking you to pay?



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On Mon, May 1, 2017 at 10:05 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi John,

Thank you for looking into this for me.

Attached is the letter I received on Thursday with a "due date" of May 4.

I have filed my business tax on time for the last twenty years. I remember filing it this this year as well. I'm not sure what happened. Perhaps I did not click the last page to "submit."

I have qualified for the small business exemption for the last several years so my tax is zero. It would be zero this year as well except that they do not offer the exemption if it is late and now want me to pay the entire amount plus penalty and interest.

This was an oversight and would greatly appreciate if they can waive the entire tax and allow me to again pay nothing which I would have qualified for had it been on time.

Again, this was an oversight as it's been filed on time every year I've been in business and I have no incentive not to file since I would not have owed anything.

Thank you again for reaching out the the Office of Finance on my behalf.

My contact info is below if you wish to discuss.

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